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In re Application of Corcoran, et al. :
Application No. 10/628,432 : Decision on Application
Filing Date: July 29, 2003 : For Patent Term Adjustment
Attorney Docket No. WYE-007 :
For: MODIFIED ADAMTS4
MOLECULES AND METHOD OF USE
THEREOF

This is a decision in response to "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 154(b) AND CFR 1.705(b)," filed May 24, 2006. The paper requests correction of the patent term adjustment from two hundred fifty-three (253) days to three hundred fifty-nine (359) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is **granted**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance as three hundred fifty-nine (359) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On February 24, 2006, the Office mailed a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. Applicants were advised of a patent term adjustment to date of 253 days. In response, applicants timely¹ filed the instant request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment. Applicants submit the relevant dates as specified in 1.703(a) through (e) for which an adjustment is sought and requests that the patent term adjustment be corrected to 359 days. Applicants state that the patent issuing from the application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer. Applicants assert that no circumstances exist within the prosecution of this application that may be considered as resulting in a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude examination of the present application.

¹ PALM Records indicate that the Issue Fee payment was received on May 24, 2006.

The application history has been reviewed and it has been determined that the initial patent term adjustment of 253 days is incorrect.

Applicants dispute the reduction of 106 days of PTA for applicants delay in filing a supplemental response on January 31, 2006. Applicants state that the response was filed at the request of the examiner and, therefore, no reduction is warranted.

Applicants' argument is well-taken. A Restriction Requirement was mailed on September 15, 2005. The record supports a conclusion that after applicants timely filed an election on October 17, 2005, Examiner Moore requested that applicants file a supplemental reply. (Notice of Allowability and Interview Summary, both mailed February 24, 2006.) Therefore, the January 31, 2006 supplemental reply was expressly requested by the examiner, within the meaning of § 1.704(c)(8). Accordingly, no reduction is warranted.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is three hundred fifty-nine (359) days.

Submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e) is acknowledged. No additional fee is required.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment shown on the patent (and in the Issue Notification mailed approximately three weeks prior to issuance) will include any additional patent term accrued pursuant to sections 1.702(a)(4) and 1.703(b).

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to Senior Petitions Attorney Shirene Willis Brantley at (571) 272-3230.



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Enclosure: Copy of Revised Pair Screen

PALM INTRANET

PTA Calculations for Application: 10/628432

Application Filing Date:	07/29/2003	PTO Delay (PTO):	359
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	106
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